

## FINANCIAL AID

The Montessori Institute of San Diego welcomes students from a variety of financial backgrounds. If you are a student seeking financial assistance, please note the following resources:

- Each course offers a variety of **payment plans**.
- We do accept **credit cards**.
- The **MISD Financial Aid Form** is available for download from our website. The priority application deadline is March 21<sup>st</sup> of each year. Shortly before each AMI diploma course\* begins, we evaluate whether we have exceeded our enrollment goal. If there is additional revenue, we consider all students who have submitted a financial aid form for tuition reduction. This reduction is a **merit-based scholarship** which takes into consideration, as a secondary factor, demonstrated financial need. MISD tuition reduction is not guaranteed. If awarded, it is supplementary assistance and not intended to finance a student's entire program.  
\*The MISD Financial Aid Form is only applicable to courses which result in an AMI Diploma. The Inclusive Education Course, for example, would not qualify because it results in a Certificate of Completion.
- The **MES Fund** is a scholarship offered through AMI-USA. All students are encouraged to visit the AMI-USA website at [www.amiusa.org/financial-aid](http://www.amiusa.org/financial-aid) to see whether they qualify to apply. The application deadline is usually May 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which your coursework begins.
- Students who are simultaneously enrolled in an MISD AMI training course and the **Loyola University Maryland Master of Education** program are eligible to apply for **federal student loans** through Loyola to cover both the AMI training at MISD and the M.Ed. portion in residence in Maryland. Contact [Loyola University Maryland](http://Loyola University Maryland) for more information.
- **School sponsorship** is an excellent way to offset the cost of training. Students who have existing relationships with Montessori schools are encouraged to approach them to investigate the possibility of being sponsored by the school for training at MISD in exchange for an agreement to work for the school for a certain period of time. All sponsorship agreements are directly between the student and his or her sponsoring school. The following discounts apply to schools who pay MISD directly for a student's entire tuition:
  - **Discount Policy for Schools:** Schools receive a 5% tuition discount on each student when they sponsor *two more students* for an AMI diploma course cohort beginning in 2017. In order for a school to claim its discount, send an email to Fernando Castillo [fernando@misdami.org](mailto:fernando@misdami.org) with the names of the students the school is sponsoring, and the programs they are attending, by August 24, 2017.